



Zapata Corporation Announces Year End Results

April 6, 2006

ROCHESTER, N.Y.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--April 5, 2006--Zapata Corporation (NYSE:ZAP) today announced its consolidated financial results for the year and quarter ended December 31, 2005.

For the year ended December 31, 2005, Zapata reported consolidated net loss of \$9.2 million or \$(.48) per diluted share on revenues of \$109.9 million as compared to consolidated net income of \$3.7 million or \$.20 per diluted share on revenues of \$119.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2004. The decrease in consolidated revenue resulted from decreased revenue recognized by Omega Protein Corporation (NYSE: OME). Decreased net income for the year was primarily the result of Zapata's recognition of a loss on the sale of its shares of Safety Components International, Inc. (OTCBB: SAFY) common stock and Omega Protein's hurricane related losses.

For the quarter ended December 31, 2005, Zapata reported consolidated net loss of \$557,000 or \$(.03) per diluted share on revenues of \$27.1 million as compared to consolidated net income of \$314,000 or \$.02 per diluted share on revenues of \$26.6 million for the comparable quarter last year. The change from net income for the quarter ended December 31, 2005 to net loss for the comparable quarter of the current year is primarily the result of a reduction in net income contributed by Omega Protein for the quarter ended December 31, 2005 as compared to the same period in the prior year.

Although Zapata sold its shares of Safety Components for \$51.2 million and originally purchased these shares for \$47.8 million, the Company recorded an accounting loss on the transaction of approximately \$9.9 million during the year ended December 31, 2005. Although the Company sold its shares in Safety for a cash gain as compared to the original investment in Safety's common stock, a transaction related loss resulted from the sales proceeds being less than Zapata's carrying value of its investment in Safety Components. Safety's generation of net income subsequent to the Company's original purchase of the stock increased Zapata's carrying value of Safety Components' common stock.

Subsequent to the Company's Board approval to sell its interest in Safety Components, consolidated results of operations of Safety Components (including Zapata's loss on the transaction), are required to be reported as "Discontinued Operations." Safety contributed approximately \$6.5 million of net income to Zapata's consolidated net loss for the year ended December 31, 2005. Additionally, Safety contributed approximately \$2.1 million of net income to Zapata's consolidated net loss for the quarter ended December 31, 2005.

Omega Protein contributed a net loss of approximately \$4.2 million to Zapata's consolidated net loss for the year ended December 31, 2005. For the quarter ended December 31, 2005, Omega contributed a net loss of approximately \$1.0 million to Zapata's consolidated net loss. Omega Protein's 2005 results included \$15.7 million in hurricane related losses and reflected a year-over-year reduction in sales volumes, partially offset by an increase in sales prices.

As previously reported, Omega Protein suffered wind and flood damages to three of its four fish processing facilities as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in August and September 2005. Omega anticipates that its Abbeville, Louisiana and Moss Point, Mississippi fish processing facilities will be fully functional by the start of the 2006 fishing season. Omega expects that its Cameron, Louisiana fish processing facility will be operational by mid-2006. Omega intends to begin its 2006 fishing season by operating its full contingent of 31 Gulf of Mexico fishing vessels out of its two operating facilities in Abbeville and Moss Point. Later in the 2006 fishing season the Cameron plant is expected to be operational. Omega plans to shift up to 11 vessels to Cameron and resume full operations at that facility.

The Company's financial statements as of and for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2005 have been restated from amounts previously reported. The adjustments are primarily related to the timing of the reversal of \$4.2 million of deferred tax liabilities established during periods in which Safety Components was consolidated into the financial statements of the Company for book purposes and not consolidated for tax purposes. In the Company's initial filing of its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2005, the Company reported that the reversal of \$4.2 million of deferred tax liabilities would occur at the closing of the transaction, that the closing was anticipated to occur (and did occur) during the fourth quarter of 2005 and that this reversal would result in a gain. The Company has subsequently determined that this reversal should have been recognized in the third quarter in conjunction with the write-down of the Company's carrying value in Safety Components. In addition, as part of the restatement, the Company corrected the allocation of the income tax provision for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005 between continuing and discontinued operations for the amounts of \$573,000 and \$1.6 million, respectively.

About Zapata:

Zapata is a holding company which currently has one operating company, Omega Protein Corporation, in which the Company had a 58% ownership interest in at December 31, 2005. In addition, Zapata owns 98% of Zap.Com Corporation (OTCBB: ZPCM), which is a public shell company.

On December 8, 2005, Zapata announced that its Board of Directors had authorized management to seek a buyer for its 58% ownership interest in Omega Protein. There can be no assurance, that a satisfactory transaction involving Omega Protein will emerge, the timing of any such transaction, if any, or whether the transaction will ultimately enhance Zapata stockholder value or how that value will be realized.

Zapata effected an eight-for-one stock split of its outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$.01 per share, effective at the close of business on April 6, 2005. All share information on the financial statements and in this release, including per share amounts, have been proportionally adjusted as if the eight-for-one stock split had been effective as of the date or period presented.

The Company makes certain reports available free of charge on its website at www.zapatacorp.com as soon as reasonably practicable after this information is electronically filed, or furnished to, the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Safe Harbor" statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: The statements contained in this release which are not historical

facts are "forward-looking" statements that involve risks and/or uncertainties as described in Item 1A., "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2005. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements. The Company's actual actions or results may differ materially from those expected or anticipated in the forward-looking statements. The Company does not undertake any obligation to release publicly any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this press release.

ZAPATA CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(In Thousands, Except Share and Per Share Amounts)

	December 31, 2005	December 31, 2004
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ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$103,373	\$63,249
Accounts receivable, net	24,170	14,505
Inventories, net	46,860	40,442
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	2,314	2,373
Assets related to discontinued operations	--	78,440
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Total current assets	176,717	199,009
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Other assets, net	23,652	19,648
Property, plant and equipment, net	93,985	97,820
Non-current assets related to discontinued operations	--	46,012
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Total assets	\$294,354	\$362,489
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$2,443	\$1,661
Accounts payable	3,989	2,567
Accrued and other current liabilities	15,850	13,977
Liabilities related to discontinued operations	--	38,994
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Total current liabilities	22,282	57,199
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Long-term debt	27,658	15,943
Pension liabilities	11,810	9,677
Other liabilities and deferred taxes	983	3,720
Non-current liabilities related to discontinued operations	--	10,126
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Total liabilities	62,733	96,665
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Commitments and contingencies		
Minority interest	59,937	79,510
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$.01 par; 1,600,000 shares authorized; none issued or outstanding	--	--
Preference stock, \$.01 par; 14,400,000 shares authorized; none issued or outstanding	--	--
Common stock, \$.01 par, 132,000,000 shares authorized; 24,581,636 and 24,564,600 shares issued; and 19,149,556 and 19,132,520 shares outstanding, respectively	246	31
Capital in excess of par value	162,730	160,671
Retained earnings	45,127	54,841
Treasury stock, at cost, 5,432,080 shares	(31,668)	(31,668)
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income	(4,751)	2,439
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Total stockholders' equity	171,684	186,314
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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$294,354	\$362,489
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ZAPATA CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)

	December 31, 2005	December 31, 2004	December 31, 2003
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Revenues	\$109,896	\$119,645	\$117,926
Cost of revenues	91,985	104,237	99,028
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Gross profit	17,911	15,408	18,898
Operating expense:			
Selling, general and administrative	18,572	14,496	13,068
Loss resulting from natural disaster, net	15,743	--	--
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Total operating expenses	34,315	14,496	13,068
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Operating (loss) income	(16,404)	912	5,830
Other income (expense):			
Interest income	1,911	992	1,214
Interest expense	(1,255)	(965)	(1,134)
Other, net	199	(221)	(234)
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(Loss) income before income taxes and minority interest	855	(194)	(154)
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Benefit (provision) for income taxes	6,748	(955)	(3,017)
Minority interest in net loss (income) of consolidated subsidiaries	3,027	(1,283)	(2,305)
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Net (loss) income from continuing operations	(5,774)	(1,520)	354
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Discontinued operations:			
(Loss) income before taxes and minority interest (including loss on disposal)	(1,881)	15,217	1,796
Provision for income taxes	(123)	(7,886)	(716)
Minority interest	(1,398)	(2,078)	(542)
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Net (loss) income from discontinued operations	(3,402)	5,253	538
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Net (loss) income to common stockholders	\$(9,176)	\$3,733	\$892
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Net (loss) income per common share - basic and diluted			
(Loss) income from continuing operations	\$(0.30)	\$(0.07)	\$0.02
Discontinued operations, net of income taxes and minority interest	(0.18)	0.27	0.03

(Loss) income per common share - basic and diluted	-----	-----	-----
	\$ (0.48)	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.05
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Weighted average common shares outstanding:			
Basic	19,136	19,131	19,128
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Diluted	19,136	19,131	19,244
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